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Divisional Health Office,
Brogden Street,
Ulverston.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968.

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in Acres	8,022
Population - Census, 1961	10,316
- Registrar General's Estimate of home population, mid 1968	10,990
Number of inhabited dwellings	4,039
Rateable Value	£279,402
Amount produced by a Penny Rate	£1,112

The Urban District of Dalton-in-Furness is situated in the North Western part of the County of Lancashire adjoining the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness and the North Lonsdale Rural District. Height above Ordnance Datum varies between 850 feet in the north-east to sea level in the west. There are outcrops of limestone in various parts of the District and in the past there has been extensive mining for iron ore which has left the surface considerably scarred and some of the low lying areas flooded with water.

The chief industries are viscose manufacturing, shoe-making, brickworks, clothing manufacture and agriculture, but a large proportion of the male working population is employed in the shipyards and engineering works at Barrow-in-Furness.

VITAL STATISTICS

The principal vital statistics for the year 1968 and for the preceding five years are given on page two.

215 live births were registered, 127 being males and 88 females. 10 male and 4 female were illegitimate.

Approximately 74% of the deaths were in persons of 65 years of age and over and the principal causes of death were:- Heart disease 52, Malignant growths 19, and Vascular Lesions of the nervous system 23. Of the 52 deaths from Heart disease, 37 were due to Coronary Artery Disease.

The adjusted live birth rate of 20.6 per 1,000 and the adjusted death rate of 13.2 per 1,000 can be compared with the corresponding rates for England and Wales of 16.9 per 1,000 and 11.9 per 1,000 respectively.

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popul- ation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popul- ation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1968	215	19.6	135	12.3	5	23.0	Nil	Nil	4	19.0	2	9.0
1967	207	19.0	144	13.2	5	24.0	Nil	Nil	3	14.0	2	10.0
1966	203	18.9	150	14.0	2	9.8	Nil	Nil	4	19.7	3	14.8
1965	190	18.1	139	13.2	4	20.6	Nil	Nil	5	26.3	4	21.1
1964	193	18.6	110	10.6	6	30.2	1	5.03	3	15.5	2	10.4
1963	157	15.2	160	15.5	4	24.8	Nil	Nil	4	25.5	2	12.7
Average 5 years 1963-67	-	18.0	-	13.3	-	21.9	-	1.0	-	20.2	-	13.8

Adjusted live birth rate 1968 (comparability factor 1.05) = 20.6 per 1,000
Adjusted death rate 1968 (comparability factor 1.07) = 13.2 per 1,000

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:-

J.L. WILD. M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Other Appointments Held:-

Medical Officer of Health -
Ulverston Urban District
Council, Grange-over-Sands
Urban District Council,
North Lonsdale Rural
District Council.

Divisional Medical Officer -
Health Division No. 1
Lancashire County Council.

Public Health Inspector:-

P. HOWARD, M.A.P.H.I.
Meat and Other Foods
Inspectors Certificate

Other Appointments Held:-

Cleansing Superintendent and Housing
Manager - Dalton-in-Furness
Urban District Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY

The provision and maintenance of public water supplies throughout the District is the responsibility of the Furness Water Board. Dalton is supplied from Poaka Beck reservoir and Askam from the Ulpha intake of the River Duddon.

No new sources of supply were acquired during the year but the main was extended to supply the new estate of private dwellings at Dalton, and the new storage reservoir at Highfield was brought into use.

The supply was satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the year.

4,026 dwellings are now supplied direct from public mains, 13 have private supplies.

SEWERAGE

The Sewage from Dalton is taken to screening tanks near the site of the old gasworks and the effluent is then discharged to the Barrow Corporation sewerage system. The sewage from Askam is passed through screening tanks and the effluent discharged to the Duddon estuary. The Dalton system is grossly overloaded and the Askam system is far below modern standards. Consulting Engineers have been engaged and have prepared plans for the improvement of both systems. Sewage from the hamlet of Newton passes through a settlement tank, the effluent being discharged to a stream. Lindal and Martin have modern sewage disposal plant where full treatment is given before discharging the effluent to nearby streams.

2 houses have privy middens and another 1 has a pail closet, the remainder being on the water carriage system.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse is made and trade refuse is collected subject to payment of an annual charge.

Dustbins are renewable out of the rate fund.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens.	Fuel storage depots
(1) No. of registered premises at end of year	15	48	1	6	-
(2) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	3	17	1	4	-
(3) No. of exemptions current at end of year:-					
Space(S.5.(2))	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.9)	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities (S.10)	-	-	-	-	-
(4) <u>No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises</u>					39
(5) <u>No. of prosecutions during year</u>					None

HOUSING

A considerable amount of private development has taken place in recent years (over 500 dwellings erected in the last 5 years) mostly in the Greystone Lane and Newton Road district of Dalton, but some plans for development have had to be curtailed owing to the lack of adequate sewage disposal arrangements. A substantial number of older houses have been improved by the installation of baths, hot water systems etc.

A caravan site at Askam is licensed for 17 permanent and 45 holiday caravans.

(1) <u>Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats</u>
(1) By the local authority	-	-
(2) By other local authorities	-	-
(3) By other bodies or persons	61	-

(2) Total No. of Council-owned dwellings existing at end of year		613	
(3) <u>Inspections of dwellings during the year:-</u>			
(1) (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects(under Public Health or Housing Acts)		69	
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose		141	
(c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit		35	
(2) Total No. of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -			
(a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)		14	
(b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made		7	
(4) <u>Houses Demolished:-</u>	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas:	3	23	8
Not in Clearance Areas: As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17(1), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(5) <u>Unfit Houses Closed:-</u>	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1), Housing Act, 1957, and S.26 Housing Act, 1961	5	19	5
(2) Under S.17(3) and S.26, Housing Act, 1957.	-		
(3) Parts of buildings closed under S.18, Housing Act, 1957.	-		

(6) <u>Unfit Houses Made Fit:-</u>	Number	
(1) By owner after informal action by local authority	9	
(2) After formal notice under S.9 and S.16, Housing Act, 1957 -	-	
(a) by owner		
(b) by local authority	-	
(3) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	13	
(4) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.21, Housing Act, 1961	-	
(5) After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957	-	
(6) After determination of a closing order under S.27, Housing Act, 1961	2	
(7) <u>Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-</u>	Nil	
(8) <u>Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-</u>	Nil	
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year		
(9) <u>Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.</u>	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of -	
Action taken during the year:-	Private Bodies or individuals	Local Authority
	6	-
(1) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	4	-
(2) Approved by local authority	-	-
(3) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-
(4) Finally approved by Ministry	3	-
(5) Work completed	-	-
(6) Additional separate dwellings included in (5) above	-	-
(10) <u>House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants:-</u>	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected	
Action during year:-	50	-
	49	-
(1) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard (b) reduced standard	52	
(2) Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard (b) reduced standard		
(3) Work completed		

The main housing requirement of the District is accommodation for aged persons.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

1. Samples for Biological Examination

	Total No. of samples submitted	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No result
Results:-	62			
(a) Tuberculosis		-	-	-
(b) Brucellosis - Ring Test		2	60	-
(c) Brucellosis - Culture Test		1	1	-
(d) Brucellosis - Biological Test		1	1	-

In respect of the sample positive on culture and biological test, an Order under Article 20 of the Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 was served on the producer.

MEAT INSPECTION

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district where all animals were inspected post-mortem. Details are as follows:-

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	123	-	-	249	-
Number inspected	123	-	-	249	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	35	-	-	61	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	28%	-	-	24%	-
<u>Tuberculosis - No. affected</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis - No. affected</u>	-	-	-	-	-

POULTRY INSPECTION

(a) No. of poultry processing premises within district at end of 1968	1
(b) No. of visits made to these premises during the year ..	2
(c) Total No. of birds processed during the year ..	70,000
(d) Types of birds processed.. .. .	
	Turkeys
	Hens
	Broilers
	Capons
(e) No. of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption.	300
(f) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption.	2,400lbs.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases which occurred in the Urban District during the five years 1963 - 1967 compared with the number in 1968.

Disease	Number of cases in year					
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet fever	-	-	1	-	-	1
Measles	196	36	82	81	32	29
Whooping cough	7	6	1	-	-	5
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia(to 30.Sept.1968)	2	-	-	-	1	-
TOTALS	206	42	84	81	34	35

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases and mortality during 1968.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	1		-		1		-	

The table below shows the number of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis in Dalton residents during the past 12 years.

Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1957	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1958	8	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
1959	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
1961	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1962	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1963	7	2	1	-	3	1	-	-
1964	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
1965	4	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
1966	5	2	2	-	1	-	1	-
1967	2	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
1968	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - 1951

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above named Acts.

In conclusion, it is my pleasure to thank the Members of the Health Committee and the Officers of the Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council, particularly the Public Health Inspector for their unfailing courtesy and help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. WILD.

Medical Officer of Health.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1968 for the Dalton-in-Furness
Urban District in the County of Lancashire.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

- 1- Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	Number on Register	<u>Number of -</u>		<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	21	1	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	43	21	1	-

- 2 - Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>	
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)				
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	1	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	3	-	-

No prosecutions were instituted

Part VIII of the ActParticulars under Sections 133 and 134

No. of outworkers in August list	Nil
No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	Nil

